Category 'C' 10 per cent (Subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 lakhs) MRTP/FERA Companies are not eligible).

In addition, they are also granted loans on Concessional terms, Concessions under the Income Tax Act, priority in the grant of industrial licences etc.

Government have also decided to give excise duty exemption to the following items provided that such goods are manufactured in rural areas by registered co-operative societies, including women's societies or by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission or by the State Khadi and Village Industries Board:—

1. Preparation of vegetables and fruits; pickels
2. Sauces and Ketchup
3. Laundry and carbolic soaps
4. Footwears of value not exceeding Rs. 75 per pair
5. Radios
6. Cassette players or recorders whether or not fitted with radios
7. Voltage stabilisers
8. Electronic clocks and electronic alarm time pieces.

Revival of sick units of coir-based industries in Andhra Pradesh

1458. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to give incentives for the development of coir-based industries in Andhra Pradesh which is rich in coconut cultivation;

(b) if so, what are the incentives that were offered for the purpose;

(c) whether Government are aware that out of 69 coir-based industries in the State about 30 are sick; and

(d) if so, whether the Central Government would come forward to revive the sick units?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Incentives for development of coir industry in various States, including Andhra Pradesh, are already being given. Under Central Scheme of Co-operativisation, introduced in 1982, financial support is given towards (i) Share Capital, (ii) Managerial Assistance, (iii) Assistance for purchasing equipments and (iv) Marketing Assistance. Expenditure under this Scheme is shared between the State Government concerned and the Central Government on 50 : 50 basis. Till 1987-88, a sum of Rs. 13.11 lakhs has been released as Central Govt.'s share to the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh under this scheme. Another Scheme introduced in March, 1987 for promotion of new coir based units and also for rennovation/modernisation of exsiting units in the brown coir sector, has been recently liberalised to provide for grant upto 25 per cent on graded basis. To accelerate the pace of development of brown coir fibre, a new regional office of Coir Board has been set up in Vishakhapatnam from July 1, 1988.

(c) and (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that no coir based unit has, at present, been identified as sick unit.

'Maruti with more than 1000 ccs engine

1459. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maruti Udyog Ltd. propose to bring out a larger version of more than 1000 ccs engine soon; and

(b) if so, the likely date of manufacture of such a version and its likely price?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.